(a) whether Government have decided to patent the Banarasi sarees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the scheme made by the Government for the Upliftment of this trade?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, Mumbai has reported that no application has been received by them in respect of Banarasi sarees for registration as a Geographical Indication.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government of India has been implementing following developmental schemes and programmes for upliftment of handloom products, including Banarasi Sarees:—

1. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana

2. Handloom Export Scheme

3. Integrated Handloom Training Programme

4. Market Promotion Programme

5. Mill Gate Price Scheme

6. Setting up Marketing Complex

7. Scheme for reimbursement of one time rebate @ 10% given by the handloom agencies on sale of handloom cloth during 2002-03 to 2004-05.

Funds spent on development of handicrafts

†2462. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise total amount spent on the development of handicrafts in the country during last three years;

(b) the steps taken by Government for the development of handicrafts in rural areas in the country; and

(c) the details of incentives provided by the Government in handicraft sector in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) The Government is implementing various schemes for development and promotion of handicrafts which include: Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp

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Vikas Yojana (AHVY); Design & Technology Upgradation; Marketing & Support Services; Export Promotion; Training & Extension; Research and Development; Bima Yojana & Special Handicrafts Training Project. These schemes are not State/area specific and are being implemented throughout the country as grant-in-aid schemes through Implementing Agencies like State Handicrafts Development Corporations/Apex bodies and NGOs etc. The details of funds released to these agencies during the last three years has been compiled State-wise and is given in the enclosed Statement (*see* below).

(c) The incentives being provided by the Government in the handicrafts sector include: provision of TA/DA/transportation charges to the eligible craftspersons from North Eastern Region, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Laddakh region of J&K, KBK districts of Orissa and States/ UTs affected by Natural calamities for participation in Craft Bazars and Handicraft Expos; conferring of National Awards and Shilp Guru Awards to outstanding craftspersons; pension to master craftspersons under indigent circumstances and sponsoring of master craftspersons to various international fairs/festivals abroad etc.

Statement

State-wise details of funds released to various implementing agencies under Handicraft Schemes during the last three years

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1.	Andhra Pradesh	116.28	136.94	212.04
2.	A & N Islands	2.84	0.00	0.00
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	197.84	13.65	28.12
4.	Assam	133.60	212.36	267.29
5.	Bihar	82.31	11.80	9.64
6.	Chhattisgarh	185.18	10.09	22.58
7.	Chandigarh	0.00	6.44	15.10
8.	Delhi	516.24	759.84	1147.67
9.	Goa	0.98	128.15	2.77
10.	Gujarat	84.20	35.42	108.80
11.	Haryana	34.45	40.24	57.24
12.	Himachal Pradesh	96.05	116.32	130.90

Sl. No.	State	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	42.04	107.58	292.98
14.	Jharkhand	62.81	8.87	11.98
15.	Karnataka	95.62	32.74	72.08
16.	Kerala	20.79	24.68	89.28
17.	Madhya Pradesh	138.70	146.88	144.07
18.	Maharashtra	54.68	56.66	124.11
19.	Manipur	34.55	40.21	33.61
20.	Meghalya	4.42	16.60	7.70
21.	Mizoram	20.42	17.67	33.63
22.	Nagaland	63.55	128.33	93.24
23.	Orissa	77.42	90.43	140.50
24.	Punjab	30.33	20.58	44.86
25.	Pondicherry	5.89	1.10	0.48
26.	Rajasthan	48.48	68.93	196.64
27.	Sikkim	10.81	0.00	0.00
28.	Tamil Nadu	35.08	33.75	74.55
29.	Tripura	46.60	32.46	39.51
30.	Uttar Pradesh	262.94	329.87	321.37
31.	Uttaranchal	50.98	38.75	111.63
32.	West Bengal	62.65	74.88	195.66
	TOTAL:	2618.73	2742.22	4030.03

Payment of Labourers of Textile Mills facing closure

†2463. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the outstanding payments of the labourers of the textile mills which are facing closure;

(b) the reasons for the non-payment of the same;

(c) the present market value of the assets of the textile mills which are facing closure; and

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